REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully

requested.

By the present preliminary amendment the specification is amended to correct minor

informalities. A new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States

practice is also submitted. The amendments to the specification and the submission of the

new Abstract are not believed to raise any issues of new matter.

Further, claims 1-5 are canceled without prejudice and new claims 6-10 are submitted

for examination. New claims 6-10 are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure,

including the original claims, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough

examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is

hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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